

officers Zerebny and Vega that day. Named in their honor and inspired by our local police officers at the Palm Springs Police Department, the Heroes Lesley Zerebny and Gilbert Vega First Responders Survivors Support Act would get families of our fallen heroes the support they need to ensure they have every opportunity to succeed in life.

During his more than six years of leadership, Chief Reyes strengthened the department's community policing in neighborhoods, expanded outreach and engagement with residents and businesses through Town Hall meetings, implemented new technology and social media platforms, and fostered trust and credibility through regular meetings with neighborhoods and community organizations. Under his guidance, the Palm Springs Police Department developed important partnerships with the Palm Springs Unified School District, Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Palm Springs, Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs, Mizell Senior Center, Well in the Desert, Desert Regional Medical Center, and many more local organizations. Further, Chief Reyes has received numerous accolades for his incredible leadership, including Life Saving Medals, the Officer of the Year award, and the Community Hero's Award.

Chief Reyes' 28 years of tireless and dedicated work for the Palm Springs community is a testament to his outstanding leadership, character, and commitment to the well-being of Palm Springs residents.

Chief Reyes will be missed, and the changes brought about under his leadership will continue to improve the lives of Palm Springs police officers and the entire Palm Springs community.

On behalf of the great people of California's 36th Congressional District I want to thank Chief Bryan Reyes for all he has done for our community. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

#### GORSUCH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. TRACEY MANN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 17, 2021*

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, August 14, 2021, Timothy (Tim) and Candace (Candy) Gorsuch of Leoti, Kansas, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Stillwater, Oklahoma. They were joined by family and close friends for the occasion.

Tim and Candy met on a blind date in Stillwater while Tim was playing baseball for Oklahoma State University and Candy was a flight attendant for Continental Airlines. They were married in Colorado Springs in 1971 and were blessed with three children: Jack, Adrienne, and Matthew, and 6 grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Tim and Candy on this exciting occasion. Happy 50th wedding anniversary.

#### IN HONOR OF THE LEXINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 17, 2021*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Lexington Fire Department as they celebrate 150 years of service to the people of Lexington, Kentucky.

Lexington was founded in 1775 and quickly grew from a pioneer settlement into a village. Fire was a constant threat due to the number of wooden structures. The Lexington Fire Company was formed in May of 1790 and became the first fire department west of the Allegheny Mountains. Whenever a fire broke out in the early days of Lexington's history, all the able-bodied men, and oftentimes women, would show up, form a bucket brigade, and attempt to put out the fire. In August of 1871, two large fires destroyed significant portions of the city of Lexington. The Lexington Fire Company was then reorganized and the Lexington Fire Department as it is now known was created on September 7, 1871. The Department grew over the years, adding innovations such as call boxes and fire hydrants. The first horseless engine in Lexington was purchased in 1911. Other innovations included new fire stations, employee physicals, truck mounted radios and first aid. The Department also began to introduce public education and prevention efforts.

Over the 150 years of its existence, the Lexington Fire Department has protected the citizens of Lexington by responding to the threat of property loss, injury, and death caused by fire. The Department has made numerous changes over time to provide the best and most up to date services to meet the changing needs of the community.

Currently, the Lexington Fire Department serves as the Commonwealth of Kentucky's largest fire department. They operate out of 24 fire stations. They have responded to over 304,000 local emergencies in the past 5 years, with a current staff of 597 men and women and a budget of just over \$80 million.

In 2018, the Department began its innovative and impressive Community Paramedicine Program, which enables firefighters to take a more comprehensive approach to the care of patients who depend highly on E-911. This is resulting in saving lives and making a difference for Fayette County residents.

I congratulate chief Jason Wells and all the firefighters of the Lexington Fire Department on their 150th anniversary. It is my honor to remember the history and to recognize the brave men and women of the Lexington Fire Department before the United States Congress.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF SYBIL SHAINWALD

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 17, 2021*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sybil Shainwald, for her unwavering dedication to

advocacy for women and especially for women's health. For over forty years, Ms. Shainwald has been at the forefront of the women's health movement.

Ms. Shainwald received a Master of Arts in History from Columbia University in 1972 with a focus on the consumer movement. In 1972, she was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant to establish the Center for the Study of the Consumer Movement at the Consumers Union, which she directed from 1972–1978. While director, she attended New York Law School and received her Juris Doctor in 1976.

As a trial assistant in the late 1970's, Ms. Shainwald successfully represented the first case that held drug manufacturers liable for the health problems of children whose mothers had taken the synthetic estrogen drug diethylstilbestrol (DES) to prevent miscarriage. Since then, she has represented thousands of people in the U.S. and globally, who were exposed in utero to DES.

In addition to her courtroom advocacy, Ms. Shainwald was also a professor of law at the City University of New York and currently sits on the Board of Trustees of New York Law School. In 2004, she established the Sidney Shainwald Public Interest Lectures at New York Law School.

Through her writing, testimony before the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Congress, and her leadership of advocacy groups, Ms. Shainwald has raised national awareness of crucial women's health issues. In the 1980s, she traveled internationally to educate women on the toxicity of Depo-Provera, though not approved by the FDA for contraceptive use, these birth control shots were marketed in 80 foreign countries and, through legal loopholes, to poor, minority, and mentally incapacitated women in the U.S. Ms. Shainwald estimated that 20,000 American women were prescribed this drug, linked to cancer in lab animals, as a contraceptive and to treat PMS and endometriosis, and were not told about its side effects.

Ms. Shainwald is former Chair of the National Women's Health Network, Co-Founder of Health Action International and Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. She was a member of the FDA Consumer Consortium and a member of the Coordinating Committee on Toxics and Drugs. She is on the Board of the Hysterectomy Educational Resources & Services Foundation (HERS) and other non-profit organizations. Ms. Shainwald also recently helped establish an Immigration Clinic at the College of William & Mary Law School.

Ms. Shainwald has received numerous awards for her advocacy, including the President's Medal from New York Law School, the Dean's Award from Columbia University, the Susan B. Anthony Award from the National Organization for Women, New York County Lawyer's Association's Edith I. Spivak Award and both New York Law School and William & Mary bestowed Honorary Doctor of Law Degrees to her. Most recently, New York State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright honored Ms. Shainwald with her annual Carolyn B. Maloney Leadership award.

Ms. Shainwald has worked for decades as an advocate for women's health and can be credited with many advances in the field. Her tireless advocacy has done nothing short of save lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sybil Shainwald for her remarkable advocacy for the health of women all over the world.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RALPH MONACO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 17, 2021*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the Members of the House to join me in mourning the passing of Ralph Monaco, a highly talented and respected lawyer in the State of Connecticut, a devoted husband and father, and all-around outstanding citizen who cared for his community and always went above and beyond to help others. We tragically lost Ralph on July 10, 2021 at the young age of 54. Ralph truly represented the best of eastern Connecticut and was a role model to so many in the field of law. His legacy and his leadership in private practice and in the public sphere will always be remembered and cherished.

Ralph was born in the Bronx in 1967 and spent most of his adolescence in the Big Apple. After excelling in his primary and secondary education, he decided to continue his education and attended Fordham University. While there—he made the decision that he would pursue a career in the field of law and chose to attend Quinnipiac Law School in North Haven, Connecticut, where his love for law truly flourished. After a successful academic career and graduation from law school in 1993—Ralph pursued his legal career and ventured to become a trial lawyer right here in eastern Connecticut. Through his determination and hard work, Ralph ascended in the field and became a partner at a firm right here in New London, CT at Conway, Londregan, Sheehan & Monaco P.C.

His passion for the law eventually carried Ralph to becoming an active member of the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA). There, through his convivial personality and highly ethical and sophisticated knowledge of the law, he rose through the ranks and became the 87th and youngest President in the history of the CBA by 2010. With the CBA, he formed relationships with many public officials and led several initiatives within the organization including his activity as the founder of the Civics Education Committee and serving as chair of the Modernizing Lawyer Referrals & Law Firm Models Subcommittee of the State of the Legal Profession Task Force; as well as the legislative liaison of the Litigation Section. Moreover—he was a crucial contributor to the CBA's Volunteer Attorney Program which grants families and individuals in need access to pro-bono legal assistance.

Ralph's community involvement went far beyond his major contributions to the CBA. He served on the Jury Committee of the Chief Justice's Public Safety and Trust Commission and was appointed by Connecticut Secretary of the State Denise W. Merrill to serve on the Civics Commission. He was also an active member of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, Connecticut Bar Foundation, and New London County Bar Association. Ralph was an individual who gave all his energy to

supporting the greater good and one cannot quantify all the lives he positively impacted with his contributions to our eastern Connecticut community through the field of law. We will be forever grateful for Ralph's efforts and will work to carry his legacy of compassion.

Those who had the pleasure of working with Ralph attest to his tireless and focused work ethic. Ralph was a gentleman but not stuffy—he enjoyed a good laugh and was sensitive to anyone he interacted with. I had the pleasure to get to him know him during my years in the practice of law and as his Congressman. Ralph's sudden and unexpected loss has left a void in Eastern Connecticut and the legal community. Madam Speaker, to that end, I again ask that my colleagues and this Chamber to join me in expressing our deepest respect for Ralph's work and life and send our deepest condolences to the Monaco family. Ralph is survived by his wife Dina and daughters Abby and Anna—his sister Angela—and many other family members and friends who will carry the lasting memory of Ralph in their hearts.

AMERICAN TAMIL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 17, 2021*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I wish to honor the work of the American Tamil Medical Association, an organization devoted to promoting charitable work both in the United States and around the world.

Formed by ten Tamil physicians in 2005, ATMA has grown to include 13 chapters in 3 countries. Its annual convention brings together the brightest minds in the Tamil medical community to share ideas and initiate projects to create healthier conditions for the poor and underserved in this country and abroad.

As a Tamil American, I share a deep sense of pride in the accomplishments of fellow Tamil Americans. ATMA has raised thousands of dollars to underwrite relief efforts for natural disasters all over the world. Its charitable endeavors support homeless shelters in the United States, construction of children's hospitals in India, and organizations that prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, ATMA provided funding and resources for hospitals, and operated a 24-hour helpline to aid those in need of medical assistance.

ATMA also serves as an important educational resource through its efforts to mentor medical students of Tamil origin, and the Continuing Medical Education seminars it offers in the United States and India.

Madam Speaker, I want to recognize and commend the American Tamil Medical Association for the contributions its members make to improve public health around the world.

REMEMBERING JAY ROBERT SORENSEN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 17, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Jay Robert Sorensen, a U.S. Navy veteran, dedicated public servant, and lifelong outdoorsman. Jay's passion for the outdoors was not limited to his own fishing, as he took any opportunity to share California's natural wonders with those around him. His endless love of the water led him to become one of California's most outspoken conservationists, constantly working to protect the state's complex ecosystems.

Born on September 28, 1936, Jay grew up in Stockton before enlisting in the Navy in 1954. Upon the conclusion of his service, Jay returned to Stockton where he spent the next 17 years working for the Stockton Unified School District. When presented with the opportunity to turn his lifelong passion for the outdoors into a career, Jay purchased a local bait shop where he spent decades helping others enjoy the Delta as much as he did.

Jay's passion for fishing led to him becoming an outspoken conservationist. He was among the earliest leaders to draw attention to declining fish populations and the loss of crucial spawning environments in the Delta. In order to protect the Delta's fragile ecosystem, Jay helped found the California Striped Bass Association and wrote about the need to protect fish populations in numerous publications. I was lucky to work alongside Jay for many years in my efforts to protect California's unique natural gems. His passion for the Delta was unmatched, and his legacy will live on through the continued efforts to preserve its wildlife populations.

He is survived by his two step-daughters Sandi Smith and Theresa Forbes. I know that they, along with the rest of his extended family and friends, join me in celebrating his life and his memory.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF MONESSEN, PENNSYLVANIA UPON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS DESIGNATION AS A CITY

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 17, 2021*

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the city of Monessen, Pennsylvania, on the 100th anniversary of its designation as a city.

The land that would ultimately encompass Monessen was surveyed in 1897 by H. Dallas McCabe. Along with Colonel James M. Schoonmaker and colleagues, McCabe initially sought to expand the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railway to reach coalfields further south. Industrialist William H. Donner approached the group and decided to bring his American Tin Plate Company to Monessen, forever changing its trajectory.

The construction of the first mill spurred further settlement by businesses and families